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In re Patent of YU al : APPLICATION FOR
Application No. 09/314,889 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: March 20, 2002 CPA filed
6/21/01
Attorney Docket No. PFC267C1

This is in response to the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.705(b)" timely¹ filed on March 9, 2004 requesting that the Office adjust the PTA from a determination of zero (0) days at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance to a determination of one hundred and eighty (180) days at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance.

Applicants' application for Patent Term Adjustment is **GRANTED**. The Office will adjust the Patent Term Adjustment to reflect that the correct amount of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Applicants assert that the Office erred in asserting that the response fled on November 7, 2002² was informal on nonresponsive

¹Issue fee paid on 3/9/2004.

²PALM inccorect has the date of response of informal or non-responsive as November 12, 2002 rather than the correct date of November 7, 2002.

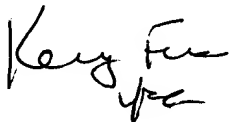
because the examiner's assertion that application did not submit the declaration/affidavit is inaccurate. Applicants submitted a postcard stamped receipt reflecting the submission of an affidavit by Migone on November 7, 2002. Accordingly, applicants assert that the submission of an omission pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(7) is an error and accordingly the 113 day reduction is therefore an error. Moreover, applicants assert that Office did not respond to the complete response filed on November 7, 2002 until September 9, 2003, a one hundred and eighty day delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2).³

Applicants arguments are persuasive. Applicants submission of the stamped postcard receipt reflecting the submission of the affidavit of Migone on November 7, 2002 is prima facie evidence of receipt in the USPTO. Accordingly, the Office erred in submitting a notice of informal or non-responsive amendment to applicants. Applicants's amendment was fully responsive and the office needed to reply to such amendment prior to March 8, 2008, to avoid awarding PTA for failing to respond within four months. The office delayed for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days as suggested by applicants.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the patent. Any delays in issuing the patent more than four months of the payment of the issue fee and other requirements being satisfied will be reflected in the issue notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three (3) weeks prior to issuance of the patent.

The Office has assessed the \$200.00 fee. No additional fees are required of applicants

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Kery Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, at (571) 272-7757.

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Karin Ferriter

³PTA for Office delay began on March 8, 2003 day after four months from applicant reply until day of Office response September 3, 2003.

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PTA Calculations for Application: 09/314889					
Application Filing Date:		05/19/1999	PTO Delay (PTO):		60
Issue Date of Patent:			Three Years:		0
Pre-Issue Petitions:		0	Applicant Delay (APPL):		113
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